

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
NAKAZAWA et al. : Confirmation No.3749
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For: OPTICAL PULSE COMPRESSOR AND OPTICAL FUNCTION GENERATOR, OPTICAL PULSE COMPRESSION METHOD AND OPTICAL FUNCTION GENERATING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed February 11, 2008 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 14, drawn to an optical pulse compressor (and method of using same) outputting a converted optical pulse having a narrow time width, classified in Class 359, Subclass 326.
- II. Claims 8-13 and 15, drawn to an optical function generator (and method of using same) generating, directly in the time domain, a particular spectrum shape, classified in Class 359, Subclass 326.

In response, Applicants hereby elect **claims 8-13 and 15** for examination in this case.

The restriction is traversed for the reason that the inventions can easily be searched without undue burden for the Examiner.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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